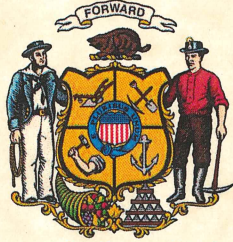


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; strokes are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, killing nearly 133,000 each year and 2,500 citizens of Wisconsin each year; and

WHEREAS; projections show that by 2030, an additional 3.4 million adults 18 and older in the United States will have had a stroke, a 20.5 percent increase in prevalence from 2012, with the highest increase 29 percent projected for Hispanic men; and

WHEREAS; the direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to almost triple, from \$71.6 billion to \$184.1 billion by 2030; and

WHEREAS; recent guidelines redefined high blood pressure as a reading of 130/80, nearly half of all adults in the United States have high blood pressure, the most common controllable cause of stroke; and

WHEREAS; new and effective treatments have been developed to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effect of strokes when administered as soon as possible after symptom onset; and

WHEREAS; one in four stroke survivors have a second stroke, while they are largely preventable with a healthy lifestyle and adherence to prescribed medications; and

WHEREAS; the F.A.S.T. warning signs and symptoms of stroke include face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911; and additional stroke warning signs and symptoms include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause; and

WHEREAS; during American Stroke Month in May, and year-round, the American Stroke Association's Together to End Stroke® initiative encourages Americans to manage their blood pressure, memorize and share the stroke warning signs, and call 911 at the first sign of a stroke; and

WHEREAS; research and education on strokes are needed for prevention and treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 29th day of April 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State